Further heavy rain expected

25 September 2012 - As forecast, very unsettled weather continues to affect northern and western parts of the UK, with heavy rain and strong winds expected to return to some southern parts later today and tomorrow.

The Met Office, Environment Agency and Scottish Environment Protection Agency are warning the public to be prepared for possible travel disruption and flooding as some areas see another 20 to 40 mm on top of the rain that has already fallen.

Martin Young, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "An unusually deep area of low pressure for this time of year will continue to bring heavy rain and strong winds to parts of the UK for the next day or so.

"The rain will gradually ease away from Scotland, but further heavy rain is expected across parts of Wales and southern England where up to 40 mm of rain may fall locally in places over the next 24 hours."

As the rain band begins to turn more showery in nature it brings with it the risk of some isolated torrential downpours across some southern parts of the UK.

On Thursday we expect the weather to calm down and we'll see a return to fairly standard autumn weather. So, although we will still see some rain in places this will be much lighter than we have seen over the last few days.

The public can keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings for their area on our website and with forecasts on TV and radio during this unsettled spell.

Keith Brown, Transport Minister for Scotland, said: "Yet again, we have seen a wide range of agencies and organisations react quickly to weather alerts and to put in place their response plans for the potential impact of heavy rain and high winds.

"This activity, including a significant level of multi-agency co-operation, has played its part in keeping disruption to a minimum in difficult conditions."

David Jordan, Director of Operations at the Environment Agency, said: "Our thoughts are with those whose homes have been flooded this week. Flooding has a devastating impact on property and possessions.

"Our teams have been out around the clock over the last few days to minimise the risks and prepare for flooding. We urge people to keep up to date with the weather forecast and remain prepared for flooding in their area, sign up to receive free flood warnings and stay away from dangerous flood water."

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